



**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation**

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**Illinois Structural Engineering Board**

# Candidate Examination Guide for:

# **Structural Engineering**

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation along with The Illinois Structural Engineering Board hope that you will find the following information useful in preparing to take examinations that will lead you toward the path of licensure as a Structural Engineer in the State of Illinois.

Effective 11/2021

**NOTICE:**

Each candidate is responsible for knowing and adhering to these rules regulating the administration of the Structural Engineering Examinations. Read all of the following information carefully.

**EXAM REGISTRATION:**

Candidates must apply to the Department for educational and experience review by the Illinois Structural Engineering Board prior to being approved for the FE or SE exam.

Candidates must register with NCEES to sit for the FE and/or SE exam first and then submit your exam approval application to the Department. Once the Board has approved your education, your exam registration will be approved.

Use this application packet: [Application for FE \(Structural Intern\) and/or SE exam approval](#) All deficiencies noted by the Board must be corrected before you will be approved to sit for the exam. Candidates with a foreign bachelor's degree must submit an [NCEES evaluation](#) as part of the application process and may be subject to passage of the TOEFL-iBT exam.

**EXAMINATIONS:**

Pursuant to Section 1480.150 of the Administrative Rules, there are two examinations administered and accepted for the SE profession in Illinois:

- **For enrollment as a Structural Engineer Intern:** NCEES - FE Examination
- **For licensure as a Structural Engineer:** NCEES - FE & SE Examinations

The FE examination is a Computer Based Examinations offered year-round.

The SE examination is a paper & pencil examination offered in April and October each year.

**The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)** administers all NCEES exams. Examination specifications and dates for the next scheduled FE and SE examinations are available at [www.ncees.org](http://www.ncees.org).

**EXAMINATION RESULTS:**

*DO NOT CALL THE DEPARTMENT IN REGARD TO YOUR EXAMINATION RESULTS.*

- The FE examination results should be available within **approximately one month** from the date of the examination and NCEES will send you an examination score notice via email.
- The SE examination results should be available within **approximately two months** from the date of the examination and NCEES will send you an examination score notice via email.
- Once you receive your passing score information, email your exam verification to the Department for processing at [FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov](mailto:FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov)

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

If you move or change your email address after applying to take the FE or SE exam, you must submit your updated information via email to [FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov](mailto:FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov)

**STUDY MATERIALS:**

NCEES has developed exam preparation materials and study guides for the FE and SE Exams.

Website: <http://ncees.org/exams/study-materials/>

**REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

Refer to the NCEES website for reference materials.

Exams: <http://ncees.org/exams/>

Exam-day Policies: <http://ncees.org/exams/exam-day-policies/>

NCEES Examinee Guide: <http://ncees.org/exams/cbt/examinee-guide/>

**REFRESHER COURSES:**

For information on refresher courses for the **FE exam**, contact the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Inc. (ISPE)

Phone: 217-544-7424

Website: [www.illinoisengineer.com](http://www.illinoisengineer.com)

For information regarding refresher courses for the **SE exam**, contact the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI)

Phone: 312-726-4165

Website: [www.seaoi.org](http://www.seaoi.org)

**FAQ's FOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING:**

[http://www.idfpr.com/FAQ/DPR/SE\\_faq.pdf](http://www.idfpr.com/FAQ/DPR/SE_faq.pdf)